

Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport
Minutes of the Meeting of August 17, 2015
Approved
Rockport Town Hall

The meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, Tom Kerans presiding.

Members Present:

Tom Kerans, Mary Devaney, Phil Morrow, Jill Solomon, Tom Mikus

Members Absent:

Attendees: Ted Tarr, Lori Morrow

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 6-22-2014 were approved.

Welcome to Tom Mikus

The Board of Selectmen approved Tom M. as a new member of the Rights of Way Committee. Tom M. is interested in web page development and communication. He has made suggestions as to how to improve our web page.

Benches

The Middle Wharf benches were put in by the DPW. We all are pleased with the way they look and feel satisfaction that we have made a good contribution to the town. Tom K. hopes to have them featured in an article in the Gloucester Times.

New Members

Lori Morrow has submitted her resume.

Potential candidates were discussed. Other sources for members are mountain bikers and boy scout leaders who camp and hike in the woods. It was suggested that ROW be visible at various town functions, passing out maps, Blue Books, and brochures. Linda Sanders may have some ideas about public relations and improving the Committee's visibility.

Connecting Halibut Point State Park to Atlantic Path

Tom K. read the response to our letter to Bayard Cobb. The letter expressed a reluctance to work with ROW to reestablish the former path across the property. The town owns the rocks in front of the property which connect with the Park, but they are hard to maneuver.

It was agreed we need to make a site visit to assess the situation.

At the same time, we will explore the path as it crosses the Cagnina property.

We will meet Monday at 5:30 at the Halibut Park Parking Lot.

New Business

Private Way signs on Cathedral Avenue appear to have been put up by the Condo Association. This has been an ongoing problem. It discourages hikers who have a right to walk on Cathedral Avenue.

Police Report

Police noted persons were trespassing on the coastal rocks. One group was on the Public Footpath and not trespassing. One was on private property. Discussion followed. We agreed not to get involved in police matters.

Captains Reports

Assigned Areas:

Tom Kerans

Pine Pit, Curtis Street Tracks Conservation Area

Phyllis

Downtown

Phil and Lori

Atlantic Path

Reeds Lane

Tom Mikus

Old Garden

Headlands

Marmion Way

Ted Tarr

Kieran Preserve (Between Straitsmouth and Marmion Way)

Mary

Rockport Woods

Management Report

\$3304.00 New Budget

\$2998.00 Cost of Benches

\$375 cost of freight for Benches

\$617 taken out of Gift Account to cover shortfall for the benches
Gift Account was \$4303.47 before the \$617.00 was used.
There is still a question about Blue Book funds from Toad Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney
Secretary

Next Meeting:
Monday, September 28, 2015